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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/16/03, 1/4/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record discloses a job ticket editing system. However, not prior art of record discloses a print system with a print apparatus for storing a job ticket for a printed matter and the editing of a page by page layout based upon rasterized-processed data in combination with the other aspects of the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

I. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over MacKay (U.S. Patent No. 5,718,520)

Regarding Claim 13, MacKay discloses a method of executing printing by replacing part of a printing matter page by page, comprising the steps of:

It does not explicitly disclose "a) issuing a first job ticket on the basis of printing data, said printing data being subjected to raster image processing when a first printed matter is first printed and then stored in a predetermined storage element said first job ticket describing setting information for printing said first printed matter;"

However, MacKay discloses in column 1, lines 43-60 and column 2, lines 30-37 that a print job ticket is created and stored along with its associate print job. Although this print job has not necessarily been printed, it would have been obvious if that the job has been printed with the current settings in the print job ticket, the print data and the job ticket would still be stored in memory.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have kept printing data for a printed job.

The motivation would have been to keep data for printing in the future.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to use MacKay to obtain the invention as specified.

MacKay further discloses (b) replacing page data of at least one page of said first printed matter with page data for replacement; (Fig. 13, items 244-256 and column 9, lines 35-column 10, line 6)

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(c) creating a second job ticket by adding information related to the processing in the step (b) to said first job ticket on the basis of the result of the step (b); (Fig. 13, items 244-256 and column 9, lines 35-column 10, line 6. The replacement of values alters the first job ticket. This altered first job ticket can be interpreted as a second job ticket)

(d) performing raster image processing of said page data for replacement;
(column 5, lines 47-53) and

(e) printing said second printed matter on the basis of said printing data and said rasterize-processed page data for replacement. (column 10, lines 29-40)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yixing Qin whose telephone number is (571)272-7381. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

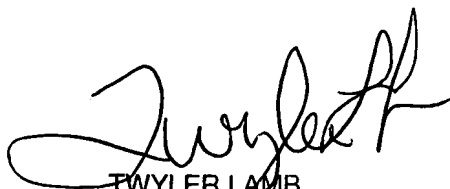
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Lamb can be reached on (571)272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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